

Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Incorporated

Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

Held: 25th September 2016 at 0930 hours

Venue: Black Rock YC

Present:

Committee – Russell Rooney, Wayne Bates, Bruce Abbott, Barry Eastgate, Geoff Dresser

Members – Fiona McCulloch, Pam Webster, Simone Hoey, Val Smith, Susannah Gilham, Randal Garnham, Wendy Wilson, Silke Weber, John Tadich, Fiona Martin, Phil Balcombe, Caroline Nagel

Apologies:

Andrew Graham, Harold Medd, Gary McLennan, Jarka Kluth, Ashley Parkinson, John Dick

Acceptance of Minutes of 2015 AGM

Moved: Val Smith, Seconded: Fiona McCulloch – carried

Matter Arising from 2015 Minutes

None

Sailing scene and class health

The sailing demographic in Sabres continues to be dominated by the older categories but there continues to be a greater increase in youth representation and an even greater female participation is continuing (and always encouraged). BYS Sabre numbers have now steadied from the recent losses to other classes and but where we have lost some ground we have also increased our fleet base with Somers, Safety Beach and Mordialloc. McCrae's seemingly gets stronger in the Sabres each year. BRYC continues as the one strongest Sabre fleet racing on the bay and this new year is shaping up as a particularly good year for Sabres, with a renewed vigour from the club and management to support the Class as well as the 2016/17 Nationals.

State Titles

Very successful event at BYS earlier this year and the new look club put on a great regatta. The drone videos of 80+ Sabres sailing on Port Philip Bay were a memorable image.

The 2017 State Titles will be held at Somers YC and the 2018 titles at Safety Beach. Sorrento have also expressed interest in hosting in future.

National Titles

The DSS hosted a good regatta even if numbers were down on previous events. Many thanks to Chris Kiel, Matt Westland, Nana Bradshaw and the Tasmanian committee for their good work.

The 2016/7 Nationals will be hosted at BRYC and there is a lot of work underway at present, including sponsorships, merchandising, social events, race management documentation and race management personnel

Coaching and Training

This year we continue with a 2-day event as we have full support of the club and some coaching staff who are in the country. As always the Committee and coaches endeavour to put every effort into this event to make as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. We try to get the right balance between information overload, targeting the right areas for improvement, support and encouragement, and adopting more forceful persuasion techniques when required.

However we recognise nothing is fault free and we welcome constructive feedback

Teams Racing

We will run the Teams event again this year at MSC, with a continued theme of where each team comprises a mix of skill levels. MSC view this as a key event in their programme and participation has been strong for the past 2 years. This year again we will again introduce a coaching aspect on a key theme.

Sailing World Cup 9-11 Dec 2016

Sabres are an invited class for what will be the last SWC in Australia. It is an excellent opportunity to promote the class and to prepare for the nationals. Early bird entries close 8 Oct.

Committee

The Vic Committee are to be thanked for relentless pursuit of all things in the class interest, and only 2 months ago Jarka Kluth also joined our group. There are always a thousand and one things to do as an organising committee and we have needed all our team to deal with tasks such as:

- Rules and Building Notes Review
- Membership, financial and secretarial functions
- Website development
- Communications and email announcements
- State Championships
- National Championships
- Promotional activities
- Dealing with the endless notices of gratitude to the Committee

As noted in the previous year we have established the National Exec which was formed to create a true National body and to administer matters of class rules, constitution and class well-being. This has assisted the Vic Committee from the distractions of the past 2 years and there some new steps and initiative the Vic Committee would like to develop in the next 12 months to see the continued good health of the SSAV

Report on Current Status of Committee Agenda

Assist National body in effectively concluding issues surrounding class rules.

A mountain of work has been undertaken in the year and many thanks to Harold Medd and Gary McLennan, this task is close to completion.

Reinforce and promote the healthy culture of the class.

We will continue to run coaching weekend, teams' event, and other training so long as it is perceived to be of value. The Sabres class success is founded on driving a culture of no tolerance to unacceptable behaviours in the class and at recognising that there is no such thing as a championship or champions without a fleet, and nobody is bigger than the class.

Create a managed and sustainable campaign of class promotion.

We continue to work this area and seeking balance in the cost / benefit ratio for promotional material for the Class is ongoing.

Maintain financial strength of SSAV bearing in mind marketing objectives and cost minimisation for members.

We consider that this is tracking effectively. Fees and Championship registrations remain at very low 'cost only' levels and we run championships at a cost only basis. Additional revenues are hard to come by in the current sailing scene.

Identify means of simply communicating correct and up to date info to new/prospective boat owners on how to purchase fit-out items.

Website has been upgraded and updates, Facebook has a new look and we have invested in an automated e-mailing system

Bring the Australian title back to Victoria. Still in SA.

Tasks for New Year

- Develop Committee Charter.
- Develop Consistent approach to Class promotional materials with e-brochures etc
- Foster long term strategic partners for major events
- Develop 5-year Business Plan

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented and tabled financial statements comprising the Operating Statement for the year ended 30 June 2016 and the Balance Sheet as at that date. Net surplus for the year was \$609 (2015: 1,409). Membership income was stable but higher expenditure due mainly to promotion (drone footage, NSW contribution for Afloat magazine). Members' equity is \$27,388 (2015: 26,703), comprising cash assets. A copy of the financial statements is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Fiona McCulloch and seconded by Bruce Abbott that the financial statements be accepted as a true and fair view of the financial position for the 2016 financial year. – carried

Life Membership:

No nominations.

Appointment of Office Bearers:

All incumbent office bearers advised they were prepared to continue and as no other nominations were received the meeting elected the following people to related positions.

President:	Russell Rooney
Vice President:	Andrew Graham
Secretary/Treasurer:	Barry Eastgate
Assistant Secretary:	Wayne Bates
State Measurer:	Geoff Dresser
General Committee:	Jarka Kluth, Gary McLennan, Bruce Abbott, Harold Medd

Assistant Measurers (not committee members): Frank Landy (Sugarloaf), John Foley (Gippsland)

General Business:

A lot of work completed at the national level by Harold Medd, Gary McLennan and Alan Wilson (Qld and National President) on separation of rules and tolerances from Building Notes. Currently circulated to key people including boat builders and sailmakers throughout the country for comment and expect a vote in Nov 2016.

Susannah Gilliam asked if consideration be given in forthcoming rule changes to increase vang purchase from 8:1 to possibly 16:1. This idea was spoken to and supported by Fiona McCulloch, Wendy Wilson and Fiona Martin.

Barry Eastgate (National Secretary/Treasurer) will circulate idea to other states and, if favourable, will include as a change in the Nov vote by State Associations.

Fiona McCulloch requested that printed posters be put up at Vic clubs promoting the BRYC national titles. Bruce Abbott to coordinate.

Bruce Abbott reviewed work he has been doing with Peak Websites after initial support from Ashley Parkinson on the Sabre website. Bruce is seeking further input and contribution from other states. Noted the Bruce is the person to send input prior to loading on the website.

Wayne Bates thanked Barry Eastgate for his secretarial/treasury work for both Vic and Australian associations and noted that moves are afoot to spread some of the load next year.

Meeting closed

1045 hours.

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Income Statement for the Year Ending 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
Income		
Subscriptions	3,100	2,625
Interest - Term Deposits	-	671
Interest - Cheque Account	281	16
State Championship	-	-
Entry Fees	11,805	7,660
	11,805	7,660
Total Income	15,186	10,972
Championship Costs		
State Championship		
Host Club Fee	4,246	4,200
Trophies	2,082	1,292
Functions	1,200	-
Clothing & Merchandise	2,669	2,205
Printing	-	-
TryBooking Fees: State Titles	292	-
	10,489	7,697
State Championship Surplus / (loss)	1,316	(37)
Expenses		
Bank Charges	-	2
TryBooking Fees: Membership	113	291
Class Promotion & Development	1,415	-
Coaching and Training Costs	-	88
Consumer Affairs Costs	54	53
Teams Race Costs	68	20
Sundry expenses	500	-
Insurance	1,112	1,112
S.S.A.A. Capitation Fees	750	300
Total Expenses	4,012	1,866
Net Surplus	685	1,409

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Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Westpac Cheque Account	7,322	6,911
Term Deposit - Westpac	20,066	19,792
Trybooking Cash	-	-
Total Current Assets	27,388	26,703
Fixed Assets		
Boat Moulds		
Moulds at Cost	6,273	6,273
Moulds Accum Dep'n	(6,273)	(6,273)
Net Fixed Assets	-	-
Total Assets	27,388	26,703
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Liabilities	-	-
Container Deposits	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	27,388	26,703
Members' Equity		
Member's Capital	8,728	8,728
Retained Earnings	17,975	16,566
Current Year Earnings	685	1,409
Total Equity	27,388	26,703